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# **CURRENT HAPPENINGS**

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

JAPANESE USED RUSE

ENTICED RUSSIANS INTO TRAP BY THEIR OWN SIGNALS.

Officers Were at a Circus-This is Unprepared for An Attack-Like British at Yorktown.

Dispatches indicate that fighting has continued at Port Arthur with advantage to the Japanese, though the Russians deny it. St. Petersburg advices are that the enemy has lost firty men and sustained severe damages to several ships.

The Russian railroad line in Manchuria is reported to be blocked by the blowing up of a bridge by Japanese. Vienna advices are to the effect that this work probably was done by Chinese "boxers."

Japanese troops numbering 2,500 are said to be quartered in Seoul, the Korean capital.

Statements of all kinds concerning the Port Arthur fight are published at Lon-

According to the Che Foo correspond ent of the Daily Mail the lack of preparation on the part of the Russians at Port Arthur was due to the fact that all the naval and military officers were attending a circus performance at Port Arthur, which did not terminate untiearly Tuesday morning.

According to the correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald at Che Foo the Japanese torpedo boats succreded in entering the outer harbor by : ruse; they used the Russian flashlight signals. This correspondent adds that three Japanese torpedo boats were sunk with great loss of life.

A correspondent of the Standard at Tokio sends an entirely new account of the Port Arthur encounter. He says Admiral Togo's fleet arrived on Monday night and found the Russian squadron drawn up in battle formation outside the formal declaration of war as traitorous, harbor and under the shadow of the forts, destroyers being spread out in front over a distance of five miles. Admiral Togo decided on a night attack and opened are at 11 o'clock. While the cannonade was hottest a number of Japanese torpe to boats crept along close inshore at the foot of the cliff and succeeded in the darkness, in getting between the Russian ships and the land. Here they lay unnoticed until the Russians began to give way before the Japanese fire and

comparatively close range and sank two battleships and one cruiser close to the entrance to the harbor. The effect of this coup was the retreat of the remainder of the squadron into the harbor. Two cablegrams were received at the state department at Washington Thurs-

day from Minister Allen at Seoul, dated Feb. 10. Both refer to the naval engagements off Chemulpo the 8th and 9th and state that 2,500 Japanese soldiers are now in Scoul.

# WORK ON FIRE RUINS.

#### Three Thousand Men Begin the Task of Removing Debris.

Three thousand laborers, accompanied by cars and trucks, began clearing away the debris in the burned district of Baltimore, Md., Taursday. The estimated cost of this work will be \$2,000,000. Merchants and bankers are gradually resuming business in temporary quarters outside of the fire zone,

A composite estimate of the total loss from the fire by twenty-five expert representatives of leading insurance companies outside of Baltimore places the figures at \$85,000,000. Some of them think the deductions to be drawn therefrom, the total loss will be reduced by \$15,000,2 One conviction was that Japan had ac-000, as much salvage is being dug out of quired such superiority that her comthe ruins. The loss to insurance companies is estimated at 75 per cent of the

# STILL IN THE DARK.

### Russian People Do Not Know War Developments.

A rigid censorship at St. Petersburg prevents the newspapers from receiving war news from either Russian or foreign sources. No news has been received since Viceroy Alexieff's dispatch, and the public is consequently still completely in the dark.

All manner of rumors are affoat. The government, however, has taken measures to counteract their publication, forbidding the retail sale of the principal offender, the St. Petersburg Gazette. The there. government expressed great displeasure at the publication of a report of a Russian victory and the raising of false hopes among the population. Nevertheless rumors circulated verbally are greedlly swallowed.

# Cuba Decides to Wait.

Havana advices state: The Associated Press is informed by a person of undoubt ed authority that the \$35,000,000 Cuban loan will not be floated until the monetary conditions are more favorable than they are at present.

# Panama Canal Vote.

A Washington special says the senate in executive session has agreed to take action on Monday next to decide upon the time for voting on the Panama canal treaty, and it was determined such date should be on or before Feb. 23.

Balkan War Cloud Grows. In diplomatic circles at Constantinople the fear is increasing that Turkey and Bulgaria will take advantage of Russia's preoccupation in the far east to setthe their differences.

### WAR IS DECLARED.

Opening of Hostilities Followed by Formal Notice.

The following cable dispatch received at the Japanese legation at Washington was forwarded at 1:30 o'clock Thursday morning to Hejime Ota, assistant commissioner general of the world's fair for Japan, who is in St. Louis, Mo .:

"His majesty declared war against Russia Wednesday. Russian warships fired upon Japanese transport at Chemulpo, and were replied to by answering fire. Report is almost the same as reported in newspapers. There is none wounded or killed on our warships."

A formal declaration of war is expected. The proclamation has been prepared Said to Be the Reason They Were and approved by the cabinet at Tokio. Foreign Minister Komura has gone to the palace to secure the emperor's ap-

proval. The mikado is personally superintending affairs, and the cabinet holds daily sessions. The government has issued orders for the protection of all Russian

subjects living in Japan. Baron Kanako and Baron Sukematsu. have been sent to the United States and Great Britain to explain Japan's posi-

tion and attitude in the present conflict. The Japanese seized Masampo on Sunday and dispatched a heavy force there. Japan will fortify the port and establish a naval and military base there.

Masampo is an exceedingly important point, as it controls the Korean channel, and is an excellent base for future opera-

In a dispatch from Che Foo, dated Feb. 10, a correspondent of the London Daily Mail says:

"A northeast gale which is raging here bodes no good to the crippled Russian ships. Complete demoralization reigns at

Port Arthur. "Advices received from Kwar Ting, Manchuria, say that 10,000 armed Chinese, unofficially recognized as government troops, are operating in the district and are expected to attack the railroad guards when they hear of the Russian disaster."

#### DENOUNCE JAPAN'S ACTION. Paris Papers Declare Monday Night's Attack Was Traitorous.

The Paris newspapers unanimously de nounce Japan's action in attacking the Russian ships at Port Arthur before a worthy of savages and contrary to the laws of nations.

Pro-Russian sympathies are universally expressed, but an equally expressed note is the satisfaction in the probability, which is considered almost a certainty, that hostilities will be localized to the present belligerents.

In Russian diplomatic circles the suc cess of Japan naturally aroused the greatest regret. It was frankly admitted that Russia expected to lose upon the sea, sought to re-enter the harbor. The Japbut it was added that she would certainly anese torpedo boats then open fire at conquer on land,

# ALMOST A PANIC.

#### Sheet of Flame Flashes Out in Metro politian Opera House.

There was some alarm in the dress circle of the Metropolitan opera house at New York when during the second act of "Lucia" a sheet of flame and a cloud of smoke burst from an electric bell at our sme of the main entrance to the circle.

Mme. Sembrich and M. Campanari were on the stage at the time, and both looked startled. The orehestra saw it. too, and there was an instant's pause Several women rose from their seats and started to enter the aisles. In an instant ushers crowded down the aisle, assuring everybody there was not the slightest danger, and soon restored confidence. An usher said that a "battery" had blown

# TO SWEEP THE SEA.

#### More Victories by the Japanese Are Looked for.

Naval men at Berlin are doing little else at theadmiralty than talking about the Japanese-Russian engagements and mand of the sea practically results.

The unwillingness of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur to leave the protection of the shore batteries enables Japan, in the opinion of experts at Berlin, to conduct her landing operations unmolested It is believed Port Arthur will be in vested on the land side as quickly as pos

### sible. TO SEIZE THE GUNBOAT.

# Uncle Sam Aroused by Action of

Dominican Ship. Specific instruction have been cabled from Washington to Rear Admiral Wise, commanding the training squadron in Dominican waters, regarding the protec tion of American shipping interests

The firing on the steamer New York by a Dominican gusboat aroused ladignation in official circles,

It was said at the navy department that the probable course of action after such an outrage would be the seizure of the Dominican gungoat by Admiral Wise, in which event it probably would be carried to Guantanamo.

#### Fatal Pennsylvania Fire Six persons, all foreigners, were burned death at Trenton, Pa. The fire destroyed six double dwellings.

Four Killed at Railroad Crossing. Four persons were killed at the South erp railway crossing at Waterloo postoffice, three miles from Washington, in Alexandria County, Va. The party was returning from Washington in a

wagon which was struck by an engine. Coal is Contraband. Information available in London shows that Russia has accumulated over 200. 000 tons of Welsh steam coal, a part of which is already at Port Arthur and

part on the way from Cardiff.

### FIRST FIGHT OF WAR.

# Japanese Surprise Russians et Port

Arthur. The Japanese torpedo boats attack ed the Russian fleet at Port Arthur during Monday night. Three Russian ships were badly damaged.

The Japanese, who thus scored the first success of the war, escaped undamaged.

Martini law has been proclaimed at

Port Arthur. It was announced at the foreign office at Paris that the Russian cruiser Pallada was sunk in the torpedo attack by the Japanese on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur. The injuries sustained to Ret-

vizan and Czarevitch are not known, It is reported on the same authority that the cable from Vladivostok has been

A St. Petersburg special, dated Feb. 10, 1 a. m., says: The following official builetin has just been issued in the form of a telegram from Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, dated Feb. 9:

"By order of the viceroy I beg to report that this day, at about 11 o'clock in the morning, a Japanese squadron, consisting of about fifteen bartleships and eruisers, approached Port Arthur and opened fire. The enemy was received with a caunonade from the shore batteries and the guns of our squadron, which also participated in the engagement.

"At about midday the Japanese squadron ceased its fire and left, proceeding

"Our losses in the flect were two officers wounded, nine men killed and fortyone wounded. On the shore batteries one man was killed and three wounded. The battleship Poltava and the cruiser Novik each had a hole knocked in her side below the water line. The forts were slightly damaged. Maj. Gen. Flug."

It is the general opinion of the British press at London that Viceroy Alexieff's dispatches conceal the extent of the damage that the Japanese onset inflicted upon the Russian fleet, and that when the actual facts become known it will be seen that Japan, by her pluck and energy, has practically secured command of

### TO RISE FROM RUINS.

# Grave Problems Confront the City

of Baltimore. With the great fire which ate up property variously estimated at from \$25. 000,009 to \$150,000,000 slowly burning itself out, Baltimore, Md., awoke Tuesday to face the grave questions of civic and municipal readjustment. Mayor McLane, when asked for

statement, dictated the following: "Baltimore now enters undaunted into the task of resurrection. A greater and ruins. We shall make of this calamity a future blessing. We are staggered by the terrible blow, but we are not discouraged, and every energy of the city as a municipality and its citizens and private individuals will be devoted to a rehabilitation that will not only prove the stuff we are made of, but will be a monument

to the American spirit." An investigation shows the vaults of the Continental, Maryland and Mercantile Trust Companies and Brown Bros. bank containing millions worth of securities have not been damaged in the least.

# NOT TO AID JAPS.

#### Chinese Government to Remain Neutral in War.

China, it is understood at Paris, has given official assurances that she will immediately issue a declaration of neu-

This is considered highly important in riew of the possibility of the Chinese, impressed by the Japanese success at Port Arthur, joining the Japanese.

At Washington it is said Secretary Hay has address an identical note to a number of European powers to ascertain if they are willing to join in a notice to Russia and Japan that during hostilities and thereafter the neutrality and integrity of China must be recognized. The details of the note are not obtainable.

# GAME SMUGGLERS FINED.

### Must Pay \$20,000 or Serve Nearly a Year in Jail.

Fines of \$20,000 each have been imposed by the district court of Jackson County, Mina., upon William Kerr and Robert Poole, who were convicted of having been implicated in a wholesale attempt to smuggle game from Minnesota across the line into Iowa. In default of payment of the amount of the fines, Kerr has the alternative of 300 days in jail and Poole of 200 days in jail.

The prosecution of Kerr and Poole grew out of the largest seizure of game ever made by the authorities of the state. 2,496 ducks and other game birds being

# Arrest in Bedford Murder.

James McDonald, the teamster whose testimony before the board of inquiry in the Bedford, Ind., murder mystery was to the effect that he walked home in front of Miss Schafer and Capt. Alexander and met two men standing at the corner of the place where the murder occurred has been arrested charged with

#### White Girl Slain by Negress. Minnie Friedline, a white girl, aged 22 years, was shot and killed at Somerset, Pa., by Mrs. Frank Simpson, wife of a negro barber. It is alleged that jeal-

ousy was the cause.

New Cabinet in Servia.

As a result of the strife at Belgrade, Servia, over the relations of the king with the members of the military clique responsible for the murder of Alexander and Draga a new cabinet has been

formed. The premier is M. Druyes. Mediation Out on Question. At the Russian embassy at Berlin a statement was given to the National Zeitung which says war probably cannot be avoided, and that mediation by other powers is wholly out of the question.

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CON-DENSED FORM.

find Bodies of the Barkers - Had Bern Shot and Killed and Then Buried in a Cattle Shed Not Far from Riverton.

over the discovery of the bodies of Dan found in a shallow grave in a cattle shed, their sleeping garments. Bullets from a revolver which had pierced the man and his wife told the story of the gruesome by express companies who receive daily affair. There were two bullet holes in Barker's neck and breast and one in Mrs.

Barker's breast. Frank Barker, the murdered man's brother, is held in jail suspected of the crime. Although he strenuously denies his guilt, circumstantial evidence points very strongly to him and it is feared that he will be lynched by the infuriated citizens and the sheriff of Webster County is exercising every precaution to protect

As soon as the mutilated forms were discovered William Walters, a brother of Mrs. Barker, declared that the crime was committed as the result of a love affair, in which Frank Barker, now under arrest, was the unsuccessful rival of his murdered brother. The latter won the hand of the wife whom Frank is accused of killing. Walters is employed in Hohmann's livery barn in this city, and left for the scene of the murder. When the Barkers were first missed by the neighbors Frank was questioned. He told the marshal at Inavale that they had gone to Red Cloud to take the train to Denver. but this was disproved by telephone messages to Red Cloud, where it was ascertained they had not been to that city in some weeks, and where they both were well known.

### CHILD BADLY HURT.

#### fines of a Pitchfork Disfigure Her Face.

An accident occurred at the home of S. J. Rice of Harvard, late Saturday evening in which a daughter 7 years of age was seriously injured by the act of herself and an elder sister, 14 years of age. ress at the same institution. Miss Klus The two girls were about the barn, the man heard of it and confessed that sh elder girl being engaged in pitching straw in at the stable door, when suddenly the younger girl started to come quickly out of the door, neither knowing the other was there, and came in contact with one of the sharp times in the fork, which penetrated the face in the eyebrow of the right eye in a slanting direction toward the nose, fully one inch in depth, just es-

caping the eye and britis. The child has lain in a stuper most of the time, with occasional spells of perfect consciousness, and at this time shows some little improvement.

# MURDER VICTIMS EURIED.

Church at Red Cloud Crowded by Those Who Come to Services.

The funeral services of Daniel and Alice Barker, the victims of the Feb. 1 murder, were held at Red Cloud from the First Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted by Rev. Hauptman of the Congregational and Rev. Hutchins of the Methodist Episcopal Churches, Long Cass County Farmers Sell Out a before the hour for services to begin the church was crowded to its utmost capacity. A large crowd was present from Inavale and a larger one would have been present had it not been for the

Frank Barker, the alleged murderer, to Peter Stell for 875 per sere. Arthur showed some signs of weakness Sunday morning. He was taken to the under taking establishment to view the remains, but gave no sign of grief or excitement.

# Loses Hand in Corn Shredder.

The 20-year-old son of William Hecker, who resides four miles south of Beatrice, met with an accident Saturday evening which cost him his right hand. He was operating a corn shredder and as the machine became clogged by reached in to pull out an ear of corn when the knives eaught his hand and mangled it so badly that amputation was found

#### Report Peach Buds Killed A Sutton special says: The peach crop s reported to be destroyed throughout his section of Nebruska from the effects of the last cold weather. The warm growing so that they were unable

withstand the temperature of 15 below Dogs Cause Serious Accident. While the wife of Conneilmen Frank Buttery of Plattsmouth was walking along a street some dogs rushed out of a vard and commenced to bark at her. She became frightened and started to run, but had not gone far when she stumbled and fell, causing a painful fracture of her

The county commissioners met at Fairoury and appointed Frank A. Houston county clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late clerk, W. S. Diller, Mr. Houston has been deputy clerk for against, Peeping Tom

### past two months, and his actions have become so terrifying that those molested the amount of his assessment into court

A particularly bold Peeping Tom has

are now in constant fear. Skater Breaks His Leg. William Dawson, 17 years of vhile skating on the ice at the river at Columbus accidentally fell and suffered compound fracture of the left leg just

### Arrested on a Serious Charge Henry Priest, a young man about 25

years old, of Homer, who for several cars has been clerking in different stores n Homer, was arrested by Sheriff H. C. Hansen on a warrant charging him with being a fugitive from justice from the

#### Burned Bridge Delays Train. The burning out of a small bridge at Markell, eighty miles west of Grand 1sland, delayed all passenger trains on the Union Pacific. The fire was discovered in time to prevent any accident

### STATE OF NEBRASKA LOOKING AFTER LIQUOR SALES York People Propose to Get After

the Express Companies At the meeting of the York city coun cil, a part of the time was taken up in discussing the best means to prevent the illegal sales of whisky in York. A request is made that the druggists of the city make a mouthly report of all whisky

sold. The druggists are required to keep out on show cases in plain sight, their liquor register, and to register every sale At the council meeting two druggist permits were hung up until the next meeting, two permits were granted that A special from Inavale says; Grent had been taken away one year age, owing excitement prevails in this community to remonstrance filed by the temperance people and one druggist permit was tak Barker and wife, who were murdered en away because the city council be last Sunday night. The bodies were lieved it had been abused. One of the great sources is the express companies not far from Riverton, clothed only in and the city attorney, with the assistance of the temperance people, will attempt to secure evidence of illegal sales of liquors from twenty-five to one hundred cases

### TROLLEY CARS ON RANGE.

and sealed packages, and before closing

hoors every case and package is disposed

### Electric Railway Will Connect

Springview with Newport. The proposed electric railway between Springview and Newport is almost as sured. At a meeting of the most prominent men in the enterprise it was esti mated that \$100,000 can be raised by Springview citizens and probably half this amount can be raised at Newport As only about \$250,000 will be required to build the road, it is thought that the remaining \$100,000 can be raised by bouding the road, although some eastern capitalists are expected to help finance

the proposition. It is proposed to capitalize at \$300,000 and immediate steps will be taken toward the incorporation of the company.

# LOVER WEDS; SHE TAKES LIFE

Twenty-Year-Old Lincoln Girl

Takes Strychnine. Without a word of explanation Louise C. Klusman, a girl of 20 years, took strychnine Monday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wilbur, at Lincoln, and died within a few minutes. She calmly informed her relatives that she

had taken poison. For three years Miss Klusman had been a sweetheart of William Ramey, a cook at the insane asylum. Saturday night he married Celia Murphy, a waitman heard of it and confessed that she loved Ramey. Her despondency and disappointment caused the suicide.

# MUST OPEN THE DEPOT.

#### Peremptory Order Issued by Judge Harrington.

The only civil case of importance at the last session of the district court was the proceedings against Northwestern Railway to compel it to keep its depot open at Stafford, a station about twenty miles east of O'Neill. About twenty-five citizens was reside in the vicinity of Stafford were present at the hearing. Judge Harrington, after hearing all the evidence, granted a persuptory writ commanding the company

to maintain a depot and agent. After disposing at a great number of minor matters, Judge Harrington ordered

# MOVE TO CHEAPER LANDS.

court adjourned sine die,

Big Figures and Buy Elsewhere. Cass County farms continue to change owners at good prices. Milt Moore has sold his 240-acre farm to Mr. Gramlich of Springfield for \$100 per acre, or \$24, 000, William Case sold his 160-acre farm

Rikli has sold his 160 acres for \$75 per Several Cass County men have been purchasing land in the counties of Pierce. Knox and Antelope, among the num her being Carl Kunsman of Plattsmouth who has purchased 160 acres in Pierce

# County for \$42.50 per acre.

She Drank Paris Green. Calmir bidding her husband goodby Mrs. Charles Peterson of Havelock drank a mixture containing four ounces of paris given before he could stop her. This was Thursday night. She died ear ly Saturday morning after suffering ter

### rible agony. Eddie Slattery Not Guilty.

Eddi: Slattery, charged with the murder of Henry Shaw at O'Neill last March, is acquitted. The jury was out seather in January started the buds forty hours. Shaw was killed for going to across hay land. The shooting developed the most celebrated case in the county since that of Barrett Scott,

#### Is Crippled for Life. William Schieferecke, a farmer living

north of Petersburg, had the misfortune Tuesday afternoon to fall from a load of bay, and striking apon the frozen ground broke his hip bone at the joint and sus tained other injuries that will cripple him for the remainder of his life.

School Bonds Valid.

weather and was 422 for, and 208

#### Every ward in York voted a majority in favor of school bonds. The amount of bonds are \$28,000, at 5 per cent. The vote was very light owing to cold, stormy

Changes Mind on Ditch. Thomas J. Castle of North Bend, who was one of the plaintiffs to the case in been operating in Grand Island for the | volving the right of the county to construct the c utral cut-off ditch, has paid

#### Gas I xpiosion Wrecks Home. The gas plant in the home of Robert Lucius, who resides near Foster, explod-

d and blew one side out of his \$10,000

twelling house. The family escaped un-

and will withdraw as a plaintiff.

Sues Saloonkeeper. Suit for \$5,000 has been brought in the district court by Louis A. Pope, Mary Pope, John J. Pope and William F lope, minors, by their next friend, B. F. Laughlin, against George Oberle, a salocakeeper in Greenwood, who is charged

#### named minors. D phtheria at Gretna.

The family of Jesse Trumble, living at Gretna, has been quarantined on account of diptheria. Two of the children are reparted low with the disease.

### SHORT NOTES.

The Nebraska Humane Society will or gunize a branch in South Omaha. Omaha will have no exhibition of the work of its public schools at the

Louis fair. Samuel B. Haney, a pioneer living on 2 fine farm four miles south of Eikhorn, where he has resided about forty years, is

Miss Jean Morton entertained at Nebraska City in honor of several out-oftown guests with a house party at Arbor

Lodge. Bert Tanner of Lincoln has closed a deal with E. W. Baughfman of Havelock for the purchase of his paper, the Havelock Times.

A. D. Cummings, an old man of 70 years, dropped dead in his own home at Norfolk from heart disease. He formerly lived at Tilden. Despite the extremely cold weather a large crowd assembled Sunday at the

dedication of the First Congregational Church at David City, The mortgage record of Cuming County for the last three weeks shows mortgages filed during that period of \$14,600

and released \$17,460. An excellent and highly amusing entertainment was given at the opera house at Oakland by home talent, known as the Smoked Swede minstrels. Fire destroyed the grain elevator of W. F. Hammond at Elgin, and threat-

loss is \$10,000; insurance, \$2,500. Fire in Crofton totally destroyed the home of Dr. Talbot. The town is off the railroad and has no fire protection. The blaze started from a defective chimney. The old Lincoln car which has for many years been the property of the Un-

ened the entire town for a time. The

taken to St. Louis for exhibition pur-J. B. Palmer, a retired farmer of Fremont, was struck by train No. 1 on the Union Pacific at a crossing two miles west of Ames and sustained serious in-

ion Pacific Railway at Omaha, is to be

Grand Island young men ended in the death of one of them. Henry Schipman, aged 21, the only son of a widow resid-Funeral services for Miss Nannie Bryan were held at Lincoln at the home of her sister, Mrs. T. S. Allen, Rev. S. Z.

The midnight carousal of a trio of

Batten of the First Baptist Church was Fifty colored voters met in Washington hall, Omaha, Monday night and organized the first Roesevelt and Webster Club launched by the people of their race

Frank Toler of Anoka may lose an arm as a result of a gunshot wound. Lifting a rifle into his wagon he accidentally caught the trigger and the ball plugged into his muscles The former grand vizier of Persia with his suite, consisting of eight servants,

in the west.

passed through Omaha at 6 a. m. Wednesday on the Overland Limited, bound for New York. Winfield P. Hainer will receive ap continent of mail carrier in the city of York, making another mail carrier, which

Mrs. S. H. Whipple, an aged resident of Beatrice, slipped and fell on the icy walk at her home. Several of her ribs were fractured and she was otherwise badly bruised about the body. The sixth annual session of the grand lodge of Nebraska Sons of Herman, a

York in the past year.

fraternal beneficiary order composed wholly of Germans or those of German descent, was held in Fremont. The deal was closed Tuesday for the sale of the State Bank of Lebanon, and on Wednesday morning the institution passed into the hands and management

Mrs. Clifford Bees, living at 450 North

of the new owners and officers.

Thirty-second Street, South Omaha, will seen receive a large sum of money the estate of her father, William Ray, who recently died in South Africa. Following is the mortgage report for Gage County for the month of January: Number of farm mortgages filed, 31; amount, \$53,343; number of farm mortgages released, 31; amount, \$33,395.

folk asylum prepared by Architect Tyler were accepted and the secretary will advertise for bids in the very near future. At Nebraska City Mike Gardner, a prominent business man, was arrested on a complaint sworn to by William Moran, charging an irregularity in the sale of

real estate. Gardner was released on

At a meeting of the board of public

lands and buildings the plans for the Nor-

\$500 bond. The Cedar Telephone Company has nade arrangements to connect with the Petersburg Company and as soon as the weather will permit the work of running the line from Eigin to Petersburg will be completed. Considering life not worth the living

because her lover, Frank Mott, had de-

serted her, Addie Davis, a woman of the nether world, residing in Omaha, attempted to shuffle off by taking a large dose of opium and whisky, During the short absence of Mrs. L. Baughman, 911 North Twenty-fifth Avenue, Omaha, her little daughter Lillian, 1 year and 6 months old, was fatally burned, and her son Vernon, 3 years old,

received slight burns about the head.

The newspaper and printing offices of Grend Island are now on the union basis, the employers and employes getting together with little or no difficulty. The most important change made in any office is the reduction of time work from a ten to a nine-hour day. A story from California tells of the desertion by her husband of Mrs. Martha

Taylor Keown, formerly of Lincoln, who

was married to Keown some months ago. The dispatches stated that Keown had acceeded in getting possession of the oman's money and then left her. Thomas O. Buchanan, an American Express Company agent at Fremont, pleaded guilty in the district court to carrying a consignment of prairie chickens to market during the closed season and was fined \$100 and costs, which the com-

with having sold liquor to the above pany was dismissed. A complaint was filed with County Judge Dysart at Superior, charging Harley Feazle with the murder of his uncle E. W. Feazle. Officers have gone to Foa zle's home to place him under arrest. The alleged crime is supposed to have been committed about Nov. 1.

pany paid. The case against the com-

Mandamus is not a proper action to re cover from a state or county official who has illegally retained moneys of his office after the expiration of his term of office. The supreme court has decided that the proper action was not pursued in the case of the County of Gage against G. W. Maurer, former county treasurer. Maurer retained from the funds received by him while county treasurer a sufficient amount in excess of the fees of the office to make up the salaries of himself, deputies and clerks. When he made settlement with the county board he acknowledged the retention of the money and de-posited a certified check in the Beatrice National Bank for the amount retained in excess of the fees, to be paid to the successful party in the action by the county board of supervisors to recover from him. The case was a test one brought in the interests of the county treasurers of the state to ascertain if a treasurer had a right to retain from the treasury funds of his county a sufficient portion to make up the difference between his salary as fixed by law and the

fees of the office. For the first time in many months there is money in the permanent school fund and the attention of bankers has been called to the fact that the board of education lands and funds will, at its next meeting, be ready to buy securities to the amount of \$50,000 to \$100,000. Mr. Mortensen has issued his monthly statement, which has yet to be checked up with books of the auditor. The statement ment shows that the permanent school fund contains \$37,537.24. During the menth the receipts in this fund were \$120,818.96, while \$83,287.72 was paid out. The general fund has a balance of \$38,896.30, while at the beginning of the mouth it had \$28,495.76. The cash in the temporary school fund has grown during the month from \$120,307.76 to \$138,023.81. All of the state funds have increased from \$225,445.17 to \$294,-450.80. The total receipts were \$292,-679.17, while the payments were \$256,-618.05.

The state supreme court has taken and advanced step toward interstate comity in its decision in Cline against Stock et al., from Hitchcock County, in which it holds that Nebraska irrigators using the water of the Republican River to the detriment of a Kausas mill owner may be enjoined in the state courts from making such use thereof. Cline owns a 200-barrel mill at Concordia, in the Sunflower state. He found that his water supply was greatly diminished by the use of the water for irrigation purposes in Hitch-cock County, and he sought an injunction cock County, and he sou in the district court for Hitchcock County restraining Stock and a number of other irrigating defendants from using the water to his detriment. The lower court denied him the writ, but the case is sent back with a reversal by the higher

Lancaster County has begun its first foreclosure suit for the collection of dewas necessary to the large growth of linquent taxes under the "scavenger" law passed by the last legislature, A suit was filed by County Attorney Caldwell foreclose on four business lots near the seart of Lincoln, formerly owned by the estate of the late John Fitzgerald. The lots indicated were bought in at a tax sale in 1892 by one speculator and trausferred to another three years later. The latter has failed to pay county taxes since that date and it was impossible because of the heavy incumbrance on the lots to sell them to another bidder. county now having the legal right to sell direct without seeking the aid of the speculator, is exercising its right, hence the suit.

The gloom in the neighborhood of the state treasurer's office has for the first time in six months been effectually dispelled. The cause of it all is the expectation of the state treasurer that be will be able to redeem from \$150,000 to \$200,000 in state general fund warrants during the current month. He said that at the rate money is pouring into the treasury in settlement of the county balances he would be able to start the huge floating debt on the down grade for the first time since the beginning of his administration

Through the opening of the deadline strip in Sheridan County by the executive order of the president of the United States the state school lands will be increased by the addition of 252 acres in the strip. A section of indemnity land went to the state before the land was withdrawn from entry in 1882. At that time a strip ten miles long and five miles wide along the Nebraska line south of Pine Ridge was withdrawn so as to form a barrier for the bootleggers who had been wont to supply the Indians of the agency to the north with liquor.

Dr. E. C. Spinney, president of the Bankers' Union of the World, has filed his \$15,000 surety bond with the clerk of the supreme court, and it was approved and placed on file. This was in accordance with the order of the supreme court handed down Friday, which modified the injunction temporarily operating against the officers of the company to the extent that they can pay death claims and have access to the books.

The title to the ground on which the Carnegie library stands, in the city of Lincoln, was declared valid by the court. Sarah Gruninger, a non-resident, claiming to have an equity in the site, asked the court to open a decree of foreclosure rendered against her and others. The court refused to reopen the case and affirmed the decision of the lower court.

The insurance department of the auditor's office is just now busy receiving money for agents' licenses and for taxe imposed on insurance companies. Las month \$16,000 was taken in and this month Deputy Pierce figures that all of \$22,000 will be paid in. Already 2,500 agents' licenses have been issued and is is believed the list will be greatly creased over last year. This is due large number of agents being put in field by home companies in an effor keep at home most of that \$3,00 which is sent out of the state for